

READS Executive Board Meeting
July 31, 2006
10 Local Government Center, Concord, NH

President Sarah Leonardi called the meeting to order at 10:10am. In attendance were Steve Viggiano, Claudia Mayer, Diane Arrato Garish, Brian Hackert, Tricia Quinn, and Amy Thurber.

President Leonardi asked for a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Claudia moved they be accepted and Brian seconded.

President's Report:

- NHLA Scholarship Committee Plea: Joe Dionne wants someone from READS to be part of the NHLA Scholarship Committee. Joe chairs this committee which oversees a variety of scholarships. The Committee would commence meeting when the new Executive Board is formed in the fall. Sarah will find out more details and send out an email to the general READS membership soliciting volunteers for this committee.
- READS Award of Excellence: As of August 11, there were 5 nominations. Discussion will ensue by email with vote on who will be the award winner for this year.
- NHLA Newsletter: A write up is needed for August 15. The article will include a write-up about Eleanor Croteau and the Fall Member Campaign.
- Local Government Center: Sarah handed out a packet on the services provided by the Local Government Center. The board is encouraged to look at this and see if there are services that might be of interest. The programming committee will also be encouraged to look at the information.
- NHLA Report: NELA Counterpart Series was cancelled due to lack of interest.
- Municipal Association Annual Conference: Will be held at the Radisson in Manchester, November 15-17. NHLA asked if they wanted to have a presentation at the conference. Leslie Kimball and Selectmen/Trustees are going to offer "Building Bridges between Boards". NHLA will have a table at the conference. We should encourage our Trustees to attend this conference. What should READS send to have at the NHLA table?
- NHLA having discussion about changing the membership year.
- READS Bylaw discussion tabled until August meeting.
- NHLA Fall Conference will be Thursday, November 2, 8:30-3:00pm at the Capital Center for the Arts, in Concord. There will be a mini-money grant presentation and Stephen Cohen of Long Island will present the NHCUC program on new technology for libraries.

- READS Interviews: Eleanor Croteau and Darcy Coffta will be the first interviews in the NHLA newsletter.
- READS Website: Public Relations will keep track of the updates and information on the website. The following information will be added – past officers, past programs, committee description, public calendar, and membership brochure. Minutes will be sent to Sue McCann at the same time as the board to be posted.

Vice President/President Elect:

Flyers are mostly done and will be sent to the panelists for the Conference. Programming committee will be meeting again in August. Claudia reports that the committee is feeling more organized with the amount of time between the programs. The committee has gained 4 new members because of the round tables.

Treasurer:

Tricia presented the treasurer's report. There is \$510.00 of membership money for 129 members. Tricia reported that there is \$130.00 missing from the READS account and that membership money should equal \$640.00. All treasurers are meeting on September 15 to make future plans.

Old Business:

Lynn Dumais was paid her reimbursement but it wasn't charged to READS.

Committee Reports:

Nominating Committee: Heather reported that she and Mary Algren and Andrea Thorpe are meeting via email and should have nominees in place by the end of the week. Heather also mentioned having a READS Reunion at Spring Conference 2007 might increase excitement for involvement.

Books-To-Go:

Amy and Claudia presented the notes from their brainstorming session and led a discussion of the ideas.

Membership:

Steve sent the mailings.

NHSL Advisory:

Next meeting will be in September.

Public Relations:

Sarah will bring the banner and ribbons to the fall conference.

Publicity:

What is this?

NHLA did have an all day retreat on August 15 in order amend the bylaws and constitution, as well as iron out the budget for the 2006-2007 association year.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Respectfully Submitted, with the assistance of Claudia Mayer,
Amy Thurber, Secretary